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1. I RAISED SUBJECT OF ILLICIT PAYMENTS AGREEMENT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER FORLANI ON JUNE 8. IN ESSENCE, I STRESSED THREE POINTS: (A) IMPORTANCE OF ISSUE TO THE ADMINISTRATION AND BELIEF THAT IS IS IN COMMON INTEREST TO WORK TOWARD AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT; (B) OUR REQUEST FOR GOI SUPPORT FOR WORKING GROUP AND FULL ECOSOC ENDORSEMENT OF PREPARATION OF

DRAFT AGREEEMENT PRESENTATION TO DEPLOMATIC CONFERENCE IN 1978; AND (C) CONCERN OVER APPARENT SHIFT IN GOI'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS OUR EFFORTS.

2. FORLANI MADE NO SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT ON ANY OF THE POI TS I RAISED. HE FIRST NOTED DISCUSSION WHICH HAD TAKEN PLACE AT LONDON SUMMIT ON THIS ISSUE, INCLUDING GENERAL CONSENSUS ON IMPORTANCE OF ISSUE, AND THEN CONCEDED THAT ISSUE HAD NOT BEEN SUBJECT OF ANY SERIOUS REVIEW WITHIN GOI. SINCE FORLANI CLEARLY NOT BRIEFED ON ISSUE, I ADVISED HIM THAT SENIOR MFA OFFICIAL MIGLIUOLO WAS FULLY CONVERSANT WITH DETAILS AND HAD BEEN GIVEN AIDE MEMOIRE OUTLING OUR POSITION (REF B).

3. WHILE FORLANI PROMISED TO LOOK INTO MATTER BEFORE JUNE 27 MEETING OF ECOSOC WORKING GROUP, HE PROBABLY WILL NOT HAVE MUCH TIME SINCE HE LEAVES JUNE 11 OF 12 FOR WEEK-LONG TRIP TO PRC. WE WILL SEEK TO FOLLOW UP WITH MIGLIUOLO IN NEXT FEW DAYS.

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